

# Archibald News

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**Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”**



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Believe and Achieve



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**A big thank you to all the pupils, parents and carers for helping to make the start of term so positive for our Archibald community. It has been great to see so many pupils in smart school uniform enjoying getting to know their new class teachers, and their new classrooms, learning lots of new things and completing new challenges.**

Most pupils have already had their first PE lessons with our specialist PE teachers and it has been wonderful to see so many pupils looking smart in their school PE kits on PE days.

We have recently received feedback from our Safeguarding Quality Assurance Visit which took place in June. This was conducted by an external agency and highlighted many strengths to celebrate and share...

- **Behaviour in school is excellent;** children are focussed and on task. **Classrooms are engaging and welcoming,** there is a clear child centred focus with a strong emphasis on relationships.
- **Staff know children very well and can identify triggers and intervene as early as possible to de-escalate any situations arising.** This is strengthened further with staff present on the school yards at break and lunchtime.
- **Children are supported in regulating their emotions** and thinking about the interventions they require when experiencing any difficulties.
- At the end of the day, staff are well zoned on the doors and at the gates and are visible for handing children over. Although the site is extensive, **the high visibility of the staff on the gates is effective and improves relationships with children and parents alike** and reduces incidents.
- **Parents and children have bought in to the school behaviour policy** and respond well to communication on see-saw.
- There are now children with 30 different languages who access the school. **In discussion with children, they described this as a real strength of the school, feeling valued, supported in their cultural identity and very much involved with school life.** Children are happy at school, they feel safe, valued and very much a part of school community. **Children can approach all staff for support confidently. Children feel information is communicated well with home.**
- **Children enjoy an inclusive curriculum and an opportunity to share information about their lives and cultures. Children described their school as: having variety, amazing, safe, comfortable, protective, welcoming, diverse and inclusive!**

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make Archibald such a great school

Archibald Primary School Safeguarding Leads: Mrs E Verheyen , Mrs A Jefferies





# Attendance & Punctuality



School attendance Wb 1.9.25:	93.2%
Class with the highest attendance:	Class 14 100%
Attendance for the school year 2025/26:	93.2%

## Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Class 1	95.9%
Class 2	97.4%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	97.8%
Class 5	91.7%
Class 6	95.5%
Class 7	99.1%
Class 8	92.3%
Class 9	71.9%
Class 10	64%
Class 11	90.2%
Class 12	92.0%
Class 13	88.6%
Class 14	100%
Class 14	93.8%
Class 16	89.8%
Class 17	89.3%
Class 18	94.8%

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If you need help or support with getting your child into school on time, or with anything attendance related, please contact our Attendance Officer – Details below.

School Attendance Officer: **Mrs Lisa Davies**  
School Attendance Champion: **Mr S Cowgill**

Attendance Hotline: ☎ **01642 804 101**  
option 1



Each week all pupils with 100% attendance for the week are awarded an Attendance Challenge Token which they then place in our token jars. There is one token jar for EYFS, one for KS1 and one for KS2.

At the end of each half term we choose tokens from each jar. Pupils who have their name drawn are able to choose prizes from the attendance prize box.

Last week we awarded 322 Attendance Challenge tokens to pupils with 100% attendance for the week. That's over 86% of the school, receiving a token!

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Last week 60 pupils enjoyed an extra special playtime as a reward for 100% attendance in Summer term 2025.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Helpful Hints for Top Attendance

- Unless they are too ill to attend school, **all pupils should be in school, on time every day.**
- Whenever possible **medical appointments should be made outside of school times.** If a pupil has a medical appointment in school time you should provide the school with evidence. There is no need to stay off school all day for a medical appointment. If possible, your child should come into school at the start of the day to get an attendance mark for the morning session, and then return to school after their appointment.
- **Pupils should not stay off school on their birthday.**
- **A leave of absence form must be completed for holidays.** The school cannot authorise holidays in term time – such absences will be classified as unauthorised.
- **Our Attendance officer is here to help.** If you are struggling to get your child/ren to school on time, please contact school.





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# Diary Dates

## THIS WEEK

### Autumn Term 2025

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Rhyme Time 8.45am



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**



**ECO SHOP**

open from 2.15pm

## NEXT WEEK

**Wb Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

S&DR200 Celebration Activities in school – see newsletter page 5.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

European Day of Languages Celebration

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**NEW** Class 18 visit to 3t Training Centre – Careers Education – Details to follow

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

**NEW** Triangulation Meetings Week 1 – Details to follow

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**NEW** Y2 visit to Captain Cook Museum

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**NEW** Triangulation Meetings Week 2 – Details to follow

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

PD day 2 – School closed to pupils

**Wb Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Half Term Holiday – School closed

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

PD day 3 – School closed to pupils

Special Week - Why do we Remember?

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

BBC Children in Need 2025 – Details to follow

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

End of term – School closes 1:30pm

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Start of Spring Term 2026

Please keep a look out on the weekly newsletter for further dates of planned events in school. We aim to give you as much notice as possible. Please be aware that these dates and times are provisional and are subject to change.



**Archibald Primary**



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## MIDDLESBROUGH SCHOOL MEALS

## LUNCH MENU THIS WEEK

### Week 2

### Main Course

### Dessert

**M**

- Chicken Alfredo
- Pizza wrap (V) served with oven roasted wedges

Steamed Eves pudding and custard

**T**

- Homemade Cottage pie
- Quorn burger In a bun (V) with roasted potatoes

Jam shortbread fingers

**W**

- Toad in the hole served with mashed potato
- Macaroni cheese served with crusty bread (V)

Beetroot chocolate brownie

**Th**

- Minced beef and Dumplings served with mashed potato
- Curry and rice (V) served with naan bread

Pear crumble and custard

**F**

- Battered fish or Fish portion and chips
- Cheese and Tomato crustless Quiche (V)

Homemade biscuits

**Available Daily**

Jacket potato with choice of filling (cheese, tuna mayo)

Daily Vegetable Selection  
Sliced Bread

Assorted fresh sandwiches and wraps

Fresh salad bar options

Fresh Fruit  
Fruit Jelly  
Cheese & crackers



*All meals are freshly cooked on the premises each day.*

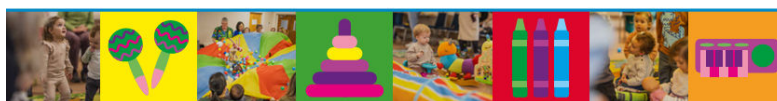
*Menu subject to change depending upon supplies and deliveries.*

**Did you know?...** Our lunch menu rotates on a three-week cycle

You can check out the full menu on our school website. Click [HERE](#)



**EVERY TUESDAY FROM 8.45AM  
AT ARCHIBALD PRIMARY SCHOOL**



STORIES, SINGING AND GAMES  
FREE SNACKS & DRINKS

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY  
OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH NEW PEOPLE  
MAKE FRIENDS

**FREE FAMILY FUN!**



Rhyme Time sessions for children 0 -2 years and their parents/carers restart on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September in the dining hall from 8.45am.

New participatnts are always welcome.



It is very important that children stay with the adult picking them up at the end of school.

As the school site is so busy younger children should hold the adult's hand so the adult knows where they are at all times.

The end of school is not a playtime and pupils must not be running around in the playgrounds, playing on equipment on elsewhere on the school site.

Please leave the school site promptly at the end of school. Gates are locked at 3.15pm.

## Y5 & Y6 End of School Arrangements

Pupils in Y5 and Y6 are able to walk home on their own but only if their parents/carers give written permission for them to do so.

A permission form will need to be signed at the start of the year.

If you give permission for your child to walk home on their own it is on the understanding that you are responsible for their safe conduct home at the end of the school day, or at the end of any after school club they may be attending.



**R**espect everyone and everything

**U**se kind and caring words

**L**isten to and follow instructions

**E**veryone to use their personal power to make the right choices

**S**hare your concerns and celebrate your achievements

We expect all pupils to follow the Five Golden Rules at all times.

This term our Star of the Week awards will reflect the Golden Rules. Each week we will select one Golden Rule and at the end of the week celebrate the pupils who consistently follow that rule in our Star of the Week Assemblies. Each teacher will select one pupil who has made a special effort to follow the rule for that week to be acknowledged as their 'Star of the Week' Each star receives a certificate, a sticker, a small prize and the chance to select a special prize book from our book table to take home and keep.

Our focus this week is Golden Rule 1 – Respect everyone and everything.



September 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

It is the railway's later extension to what was then a small village called Port Darlington on the banks of the river Tees close to where the Port of Middlesbrough is currently positioned that led to the development of Middlesbrough as a town.

To mark this historical event of local, national and international importance each class will be undertaking some special activities in week 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Keep a look out on SeeSaw and facebook to keep up to date with some of the learning and activities that will be taking place.

## SCHOOL TIMES REMINDER

### School Times 2025-2026

Year	Drop off	Pick Up
Pre School	8.25am	11.25am
	12.05pm	3.05pm
Nursery	8.30am	11.30am
	12.10pm	3.10pm
YR	8.35am	3.05pm
Y1	8.30am	3.00pm
Y2	8.35am	3.05pm
Y3	8.30am	3.00pm
Y4	8.35am	3.05pm
Y5	8.35am	3.05pm
Y6	8.30am	3.00pm

## Achievers Spotlight Award 2025

Special congratulations to Lishaan from Y6, Class 18 who was invited to the Scottish Parliament with his proud family to receive a Young Achievers Spotlight Award.



# PE AT Archibald 2025-2026

Many pupils love their PE lessons, learn lots of new skills and knowledge and go forward to represent the school at a number of competitions with some fantastic results.

This year, PE will continue to be taught by **specialist PE teachers** from Macmillan Academy and MFC Foundation. In all lessons the Class Teaching Assistant will be assisting the PE teacher.

A school PE kit consists of dark blue or black shorts and a dark blue t-shirt which we expect all pupils to wear for PE lessons. In colder weather, pupils may wear tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE. These should be dark blue or black wherever possible. Plimsolls or trainers are needed for outside PE.

**Football kits, football shirts and branded sportswear are not appropriate PE kit and should not be worn.**

In order to save time and make the most of each PE lesson, pupils should come to school in their PE kit on PE days. If the weather is cold they should wear their school jumper over the top and can wear plain navy blue or black jogging bottoms over their shorts.

Please make sure your child is wearing their PE kit in school on the correct days. We have spare kit available to lend if required.

**Please help your child by ensuring all PE kit is named.**



Archibald Primary School PE Timetable 2025-2026		
Day	Teacher	Classes
Monday	Mr Hadfield	7, 8, 13, 10, 16
Tuesday	Mr Foreman	1, 2, 14, 11, 18
Wednesday	Mr Rayner	5, 6, 15, 12, 17
Thursday	Miss Yeoman	3, 4
Thursday	MFC Foundation – Beth Dobson	1, 2, 9

At the end of each PE lesson the teacher will choose a pupil to be their PE Star.

Each week there is a different focus, and pupil who demonstrate the attribute stand a chance of being chosen as the PE Star and will be awarded a special certificate by their PE teacher.



Our PE attributes are determination, honesty, respect, passion, teamwork and self belief – all character attributes of the worlds greatest sports stars.

The PE focus this week is **honesty**.



Information from Newport Community Hub

Supporting

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Come along to our  
coffee morning event**

On  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am.  
Venue: Newport Community Hub,  
St Pauls Road, TS1 5NQ

Join us for tea/coffee and homemade cake!  
(Small donation required)

Every penny we raise means Macmillan can be  
right there for more people living with cancer.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Information from KFC Youth Foundation, Meath Street



**Girls Rising  
Youth Club!**

**Every Wednesday**

**Starting 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**4.30-6.30pm**

**Girls ages 9-13**

**Max 24 girls per session  
(spots available on first come  
first serve basis)**

**Free to attend**

**KFCYF Youth Hub Middlesbrough**

**Meath Street TS1 4RY**

**For more info, text: 07707862766**



## A letter to parents and carers from UK Prime Minister Kier Starmer



Dear Parent/Carer,

Across England, millions of children and families are beginning a new school year.

As a father of two, I know well the pride and joy of watching your children grow up. But I also understand how juggling parenthood, work and other responsibilities can sometimes be difficult especially when the cost-of-living is still tough, childcare is expensive, and your time is tight. Supporting families is at the heart of our Plan for Change. Over the past year we have started to deliver the change promised – new help designed to make your life easier and give your children the best possible start.

We are making high quality childcare more affordable by introducing 30 hours of government-funded childcare during term time, from the end of parental leave to the start of primary school, saving an average working parent up to £7,500 per year – money that stays in your pocket for your family's needs.

We are making family life easier too, with hundreds of school-based nursery places opening this September, and thousands more to come. This means more families can access government-funded childcare and perhaps manage with just one school run in the morning. This comes alongside expanding wraparound childcare available to you outside of school hours, including a free Best Start Breakfast Club which we will be rolling out in every primary school.

We are proud to build on the legacy of Sure Start through our Best Start Family Hubs, a growing network of welcoming spaces. Families can access a wide range of support and services to make the journey of being a parent a little easier – from expert advice on feeding your baby to how to support your toddler's learning and development at home.

Of course, this is just the beginning. This government will keep building support for you and your family to help make parenting easier and ensure no child's background dictates what they go on to achieve. I know that this is also a priority for local MPs and councils, who can provide more information about what is available in your area. I encourage you to get in touch with them directly.

To find out more about the support available to you and your family, including free breakfast clubs, eligibility for childcare offers, Best Start Family Hubs in your area and support with your child's early health and learning, visit our new site that brings this all together in one place: [www.BestStartinLife.gov.uk](http://www.BestStartinLife.gov.uk).

I also wanted to thank you, the parents and carers, and the grandparents, as well as the childminders, early educators, teachers and health workers, for all you do to give children the best start in life. Nothing will stop me in my mission to back families like yours through our Plan for Change, to build a better future for you, for your children, and for Britain.

All best wishes,  
Keir Starmer